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The mission of Peace United Church of Christ is to reach our community for Christ, develop disciples, and empower all people for ministry.



Sunday, September 9th!!

See pages 3 and 6 for details.

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Summer vacation is done and lots of activities resume this month at Peace Church.

Here are a few:

- The Women's Fellowship resumes their regular meeting schedule on Tuesday, Sept. 4th at 10:00 a.m. They meet monthly on the first Tuesday after the first Sunday of the month.
- Handbells rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 6:30 p.m.
- Hands-On continues their normal working time on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.
- The Churchmen's Fellowship resumes their regular monthly dinner meetings on Monday, Sept. 17th at 7:00 p.m. The Churchmen's Fellowship meets the third Monday of each month.



38TH Annual Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 14th!

Get details about signing up and donating on page 6.

Pastor's Perspective

Well, here we are again at the end moments of the summer. Certainly, there will be a bunch more hot days ahead of us, but the longer days will begin to fade away with fall creeping in beside us.

In the church, the autumn season is a new beginning. We mark it with Rally Day (September 9th), a Sunday when we honor and recognize the youth of the church



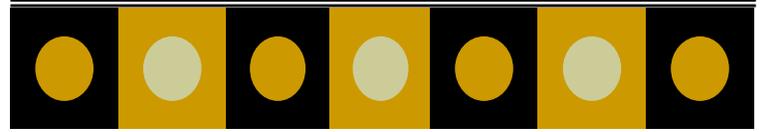
along with celebrating other milestones of the congregation. Fall is also when we look more intentionally at issues of stewardship and the ways in which we give to the church. Thus far (through July), we are "in the black" in terms of our church budget, our treasure, and that is very good news. Needless-to-say, the giving of time and talents is deeply "in the black" also. Thank you to all!!

This fall, it is my hope that we can begin to focus some time and energies on the issue of *evangelism*. We typically think of evangelism as an effort to get new church members; or perhaps to convert individuals to the Christian faith. While this is certainly part of evangelism, it is more complicated than simply winning new converts.

Evangelism entails both a "journey in" and a "journey out." The "journey out" is a call to the neighborhood, be that across the street or across the world. Journeying out is about taking the Word and love of God out into the world. "Journeying in" is about the process of being shaped by the gospel; its narrative, ethics, world view, and values. The journey in is about our own internal transformation that makes the world look odd and, in response, our behavior counter to the values of the world. The journey inward is deeply satisfying and deeply destabilizing to our own sense of "the way things are." Internal transformation turns the world on its head, revealing itself (the world) to be disoriented and wrongly ordered. Simply put, to be good "evangels", we must be transformed internally and thus committed to transforming the external world with our God-infused love and action.

The core claim of the gospel is that the rule of God is

already established over all of creation and over every dimension of our existence. The struggle for all of us, of every persuasion, is to bring all aspects of our life not under some fashionable or reassuring ideology but under the rule of the God who is fully known in the vulnerable Jesus of Nazareth. *This is the challenge of evangelism.*



During the summer we have had several opportunities for people to suggest their favorite hymns for us to sing together.



In July, on Thursday nights we sang as part of the worship time, and then on July 15th during our service we used congregational recommendations for both scriptures and hymns. Back in 2010, we followed a plan called *Hymn of the Month* to help us learn more of the songs in our hymnal. I have been reminded of this, and we are going to use this method again for a few months.

During the month of August, our new hymn that will be used somewhere in the service each week is *In This Very Room* by Ron and Carol Harris found on page 295 of our hymnal. It is the anthem on the first Sunday as this is a Communion Sunday, and the hymn emphasizes the presence of Jesus. That Sunday, please read the words as the choir sings and become familiar with the message as well as the melody. Throughout the month verses, phrases, or the entire hymn will be used during worship, and we will then know and have added this song to our hymn repertoire. Maybe it will become a favorite for someone!

Also the choir began practicing our Christmas cantata in July – yes, July! This year we are using *Joyful and Triumphant* by Claire Cloninger and Lowell Alexander arranged by Camp Kirkland. It is subtitled *A*



Worldwide Celebration. The focus is on the universal coming of God's Son to a world in need. If you would like to sing with us, we would love to have you. We already have a couple of extra books, and we can order more. Please consider joining us for the Christmas message in song.

Elisabeth Penry
Music Director





Good food, warm fellowship,
good friends... don' t miss it!

On Sunday, September 9th, Peace Church will celebrate Rally Day with new study opportunities, festive worship (featuring very special soloists), youth activities, and a cookout/potluck meal immediately following worship.

The 'Out of the Box' group will begin discussing "Saving Jesus From The Church: How To Stop Worshipping Christ and Start Following Jesus" by United Church of Christ pastor and theologian Robin Meyers. Talk to Pastor Tom about getting a copy of the book (some people already signed-up for theirs), otherwise the book can be ordered most easily from Amazon.com. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and is open to all!!

Our Rally Day worship service will include the baptism of **Charleston, Augustus, and Archibald Jolliff**, children of **Olivia and Grant Jolliff**.

Ted Wilkinson will have all the youth of church for Sunday School immediately following the Children's Message. **A special photo will be taken of all the children in church this day so make sure you bring the kids!** There will also be special outdoor activities for the youth when the cookout meal is concluded.

Russ Haver will be grilling hotdogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers to feast on in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking church members to bring side dishes. Our luncheon will include music, singing, and adult get-to-know-you games among other activities.

We are very hopeful that the vast majority of church members will be a part of our worship service and the cookout following worship, so please come... and bring a friend!!



Greetings Peace Family! I hope you are all well. It's been a busy month and the youth of Peace Church have done a lot. We learned about what makes someone a hero, about giving to others out of the abundance God has given us, and we took a closer look at the way God made us and the rest of creation. As part of our lesson about giving we learned about Jesus feeding the 5000 and the children made baskets with two fish and five loaves of bread. A special thanks to John, Rick, Melinda, and Clodagh for leading the class while I was out of town. Coming up we are looking towards the beginning of the school year and Rally Day on September 9th. I hope we will see you all there!

~ *Ted Wilkinson, Youth Director*



"Steward of the Birds" Needed

On Sunday, August 12, Ellen Whitlock, the director of Senior Resources of Guilford, presented Peace Church with a gift of appreciation of our 30 years of sponsorship of Mobile Meals. This gift included bird feeders, bird feed, bird bath, and the appropriate hangers for the feeders to beautify our St. Francis of Assisi prayer garden. We are grateful for this gift and will now need a steward of the birds to keep the feeders full and clean, the bird bath filled with clean water, and the hummingbird feeder filled with clean hummingbird juice. We are looking for a person who would love to take care of our birds here at Peace Church. Please contact the church office if you would like to be a part of helping.



A Report from the Youth Cuba Mission Trip

from Kim Miller...

Last year (2017), Peace UCC took 4 adults and 12 youth to Santiago de Cuba for the first UCC Youth Mission Trip to Cuba. We spent 9 days in Santiago working at the Lavastida Christian Center, helping to rebuild a dining room and kitchen that had been destroyed by Hurricane Sandy in 2012. It was a very rewarding experience to both participate in the rebuilding project and to develop the relationships that naturally develop when you live and work closely with others.

When we received the invitation from the Lavastida Center to return to the project this year, we were excited to have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the center. As we began our planning, we realized that Peace UCC is a small congregation and we would not have enough youth to fill the trip, so we opened it up to the UCC Southern Conference. Little did we know that our trip would attract youth from all over the country! We had 5 participants (2 adults and 3 youth) from Decorah UCC in Iowa, 2 youth from UCC Chapel Hill in NC, one youth from a UCC church in Houston, Texas, and 5 youth and 3 adults from the Greensboro Community (3 youth and 2 adults who are members of Peace UCC and a few friends of the church). All of these participants came together in Miami on July 21st where we flew together to Holguin, Cuba, from where our adventure started.

From the beginning, it was obvious that this group was special. Within one day, these youth, who had no prior contact with each other, were a well-oiled machine. They quickly bonded, lived together in very close quarters with no complaints, and were all dedicated to the difficult and hot work at the Lavastida Center. We worked daily from 9:00am to 1:00 pm digging holes, hauling dirt, cleaning bricks and tiles, salvaging wood, and making cement. I would often try to send some kids back to our hostel early in order to stagger the showers (we had 8 people sharing one shower), but no one wanted to stop work or leave early; they wanted to work until the end.

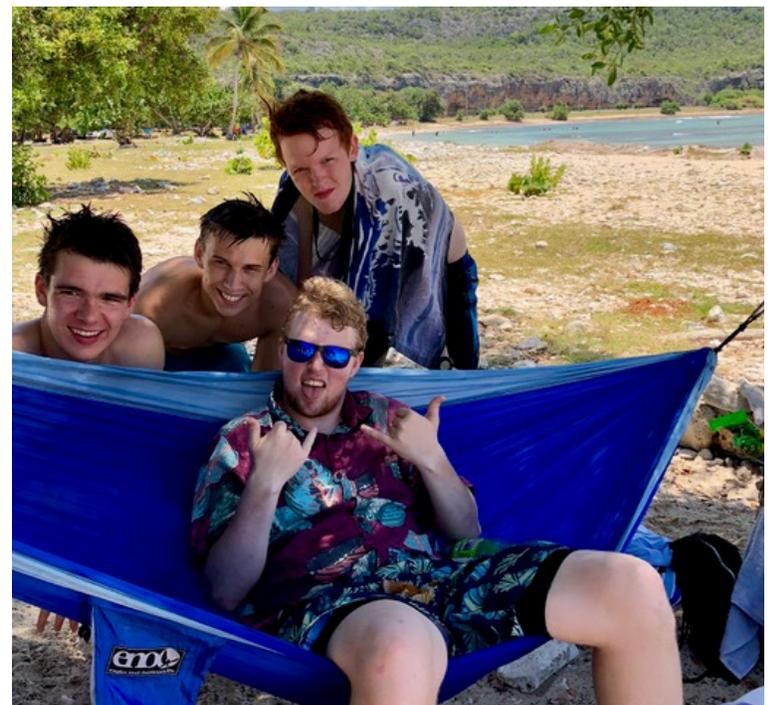
Our trip was not all work, however. In the afternoons, we went on excursions throughout Santiago learning about the history and culture of Cuba. We spent one whole day at the beach, enjoying the warm waters of the Caribbean. Our group also received the special honor of a formal invitation to the July 26th Celebration at the Moncada Barracks, honoring the 65th anniversary of the beginning of the Cuban Revolution when Fidel Castro and his band of revolutionaries attacked the barracks. The event began at 5am and included remembrances of those who died in the attack, children singing and dancing, and

several speeches, including a 30-minute speech by Raul Castro. The week closed on Friday evening at the Lavastida Center which included a traditional Cuban meal (whole roasted pig) and a very moving closing ceremony. The evening came to a close with the John Lennon song "Imagine" performed by one of our youth (our very own Abigail singing/playing ukulele) and one of the Cuban Youth (singing/playing guitar). This song encompassed what these youth experienced during the week; a sense that borders cannot separate us as we are all one people.

It was very rewarding to see the youth come together, work hard, experience a different culture, and learn about the world from a new perspective. The most powerful part of this trip, however, was the lifelong friendships and bonds these kids created and experienced throughout the week, not only within our group, but also with the Cuban youth. Over and over again, I received feedback that the best part of the trip was meeting the people of Cuba, how warm and friendly they are, and the impact those relationships have had on their lives. On the bus ride back to the airport in Holguin on Saturday morning, there were many tears as we left Santiago, and promises that they were going to be back next year.

As of now, it looks like we will be planning another trip for summer 2019 as long as we receive an invitation to return. If anyone would like more information about this trip, you can email me at Kmillier41@gmail.com.







Pastor Tom will be taking a final summer vacation trip to Blowing Rock, North Carolina on Friday, August 31st through Monday, September 3rd (Labor Day). On **Sunday, September 2nd**, our

guest preacher will be the **Rev. Karen Richardson Dunn**, who is the Director of the Creation Justice Network of the Southern Conference UCC. She will present a short video and give a sermon on protecting and defending God's creation.

Karen Richardson Dunn is an ordained minister with the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. In addition to serving as a parish minister and Hospice chaplain, Karen also is the facilitator of the SOC's Creation Justice Network, and worked for the Wake Forest School of Divinity's Food, Health and Ecological Well-Being Program as its forward-planning year coordinator. Currently she serves as Western NC coordinator for the NC Council of Churches' Partners in Health and Wholeness initiative. She lives in Asheville with her two fine sons, Dylan and Roan.



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Monday, September 17th

7:00 p.m.

We will meet at Newk's Eatery,
Friendly Shopping Center, Greensboro

**great food • great friends •
wonderful fellowship**



OUT OF THE BOX

Out of the Box Discussion Group meets on
Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Library/History Room
Coffee & pastries; childcare available.

Women's Fellowship Upcoming Meetings and Events

The **Women's Fellowship** resumes their regular meeting schedule on Tuesday, Sept. 4th at 10:00 a.m. They meet monthly on the first Tuesday after the first Sunday of the month.

Church Women United 2018 Human Rights Day Celebration will be held on Friday, September 14th at Trinity AME Zion Church, 631 E. Florida Street in Greensboro. The theme this year is **"Reaching for Wholeness in Solidarity with God's Creation."** Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., worship program is at 11:00. The ecumenical action committee request participants bring school supplies to be distributed to children in need.

The **Fall Enrichment Meeting** of the Church Women of the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the UCC will be held on **Saturday, September 22, at Catawba College in Salisbury.** More information will be forth-coming.

'OUT OF THE BOX' BOOK STUDY

Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus" by Robin R. Meyers.

Beginning on "Rally Day", **Sunday, September 9th**, the 'Out of the Box' Study Group will begin reading *Saving Jesus from the Church: How To Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus* by Robin R. Meyers.

Taking the best of biblical scholarship, Meyers embraces core Christian concepts in an effort to save Christianity from its obsession with personal salvation. Not a plea to try something brand new, but rather the recovery of something very old, *Saving Jesus from the Church* shows readers what it means to follow Jesus's teachings today.





GREATER GREENSBORO CROP HUNGER WALK

Join us on Sunday, October 14, 2018 for the 38th Annual Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk!

The Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk is a 5K community event that raises funds to fight hunger by supporting Church World Service and Greensboro Urban Ministry's Potter's House Community Kitchen. CROP helps provide seeds and tools, wells and water systems, technical training and micro-enterprise loans to empower people to meet their own needs.

The Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk is the second largest CROP event in the nation, attracting over 5,000 participants annually and raising over \$5 million since 1981. 25% of the funds raised through our local walk go to Potter's House, which serves a hot meal to over 500 people every day. Please volunteer to be a walker or to sponsor a walker for the event on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at the Greensboro Coliseum. **Our team captains are Grant and Olivia Jolliff.** Please see them for sponsor envelopes and more information.



ENDING HUNGER

GUM

Fall Food

FOOD DRIVE

GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY FOOD DRIVE — OCTOBER 5-6

On Friday, October 5th, volunteers from Peace Church will participate in the semi-annual GUM Grocery Store Food Drive. We are assigned Harris Teeter at Adams Farm Shopping Center, 5710 W. Gate City Blvd., from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Record numbers of households receiving emergency assistance have left the shelves in the Food Pantry nearly empty. The spring and fall food drives are essential to restock the shelves. Volunteers are needed to greet shoppers, hand out needed foods lists, and collect the donated items. Please contact Cindy Spillers at 336-852-0478 to schedule a time to help on

Peace Church has an ongoing commitment to supply oatmeal to the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry on a monthly basis. The first Sunday of each month is designated Oatmeal Sunday when everyone is invited to bring a one pound box of oatmeal or to donate \$1.00 to purchase oatmeal. Donations are welcome at any time and can be placed in the basket under the bulletin board in the Narthex. There is an oatmeal box for monetary donations in the same location or your weekly offering envelopes can be used. We collected 82 lbs. in May, 107 lbs. in June, and 75 lbs. in July. Thank you for your generosity.



Peace Church Recipe Corner

BLACK BEAN/MANGO SALSA

(Contributed by Karen Haver)

2 cans black beans, rinsed and drained
2 mangos diced
2 avocados diced
1/2 red onion diced
1/2 poblano or 1 jalapeño with ribs and seeds removed, diced fine
Cilantro chopped (2-3 sprigs)
Fresh parsley chopped to taste



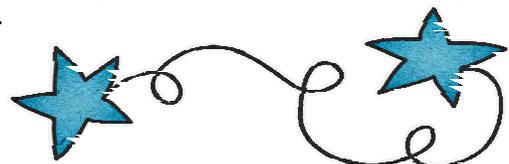
Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl.

Dressing:

1/3 - 1/2 c light olive oil
Juice of 1-2 limes
Black pepper to taste
1 clove garlic minced fine
1 tsp cumin

Whisk together. Pour over bean mixture. Best if chilled at least 2 hours.

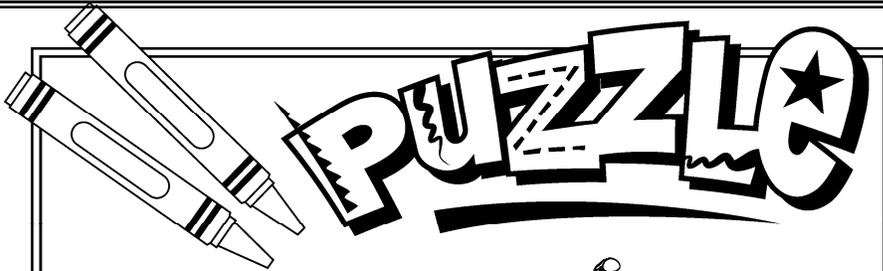
Store in an airtight container 2-3 days, stirring before serving.





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GOD'S amazzzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

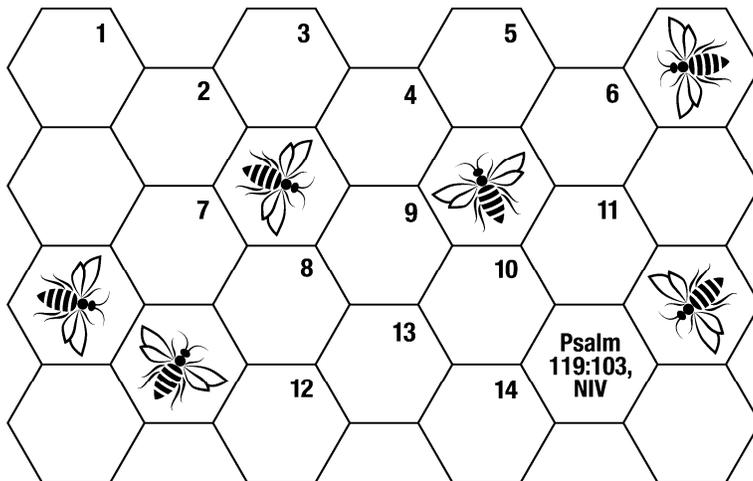
CLUES

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. rhymes with cow | 8. the tongue's job |
| 2. opposite of sour | 9. more sweet |
| 3. pronounced "R" | 10. rhymes with pan |
| 4. rhymes with four | 11. golden liquid |
| 5. Letters create ____. | 12. Pleased ___ meet you. |
| 6. not too or two | 13. rhymes with fly |
| 7. rhymes with by | 14. body part |



WORD BANK

than your to are
sweet sweeter How
my honey mouth
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!

Please keep these members of our church family in your thoughts and prayers:

Lois Bell; Dale Benshoff; Dot Benshoff; Bertie Bowman; Nan Buchanan; Richard Graber; Ramona Griffin; Millie Harmon; Frances Johnson; Jim Lillie; Buddy Lippard; Carol MacDonald; Sally McGrogan; Abigail Miller-Warren; Sharon Mitchell; Mary Ann Murray; Marcy Neal; Gertrude Radford; Becky Taylor; Lucille Waynick; Betty Webster; Buddy Webster; Marjorie Wegner; Holly Williams; Kelly Wyrick.

Remember these wider church family and friends:

Lyn Ann Bailey (niece of Harold Poffenbaugh); Chris Barnes (nephew of Harold Poffenbaugh); Katie Bowen (daughter-in-law of Cynthia Bowen); Eric Chapman (nephew of Jane Ford); Janet Faucette (sister-in-law of Yvonne Smothers); Todd Fedor (friend of Femi Quakenbush); Donna Green (friend of Maria Smith); Theresa Grill (neighbor of Sue Smith); Irene King (mother of Sherri Vestal); Betty Larimer (aunt of Trish Larimer); Beatrice Rosenthal (mother of David Dole); Annette Sarty (sister of Yvonne Poffenbaugh); Michael Shoffner (grandson of Edith Sink); Tom & Rhoda Taylor (niece & her husband of Harold Poffenbaugh); Sherri Vestal.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR AUGUST

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	REGULAR OFFERING	OTHER OFFERING
August 5	26	88	\$3,468	\$239
August 12	61	17	\$4,185	\$843
August 19	13	N/R	\$1,558	\$396
August 26				

PEACE CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

(Through July 31, 2018)

	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Amount Over (Under) Budget
Contributions from Members & Friends, Plus Other Receipts	15,798	111,495	106,402	5,093
Disbursed in Support of Ministries, Programs & Facilities	16,907	113,169	116,893	(3,724)
Nazareth Children's Home, Cuba Mission Trip, Hands On	488			



September Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Madeline Owen	8
9	10	11 Joe Small Amy Williams	12	13 Desmond Smith	14	15 Cynthia Bowen Tom Warren
16	17 Marjorie Wegner	18 Roberta Bowman	19 Kathryn Virgilio	20 Sue Brittain	21 Kenny Savage	22 Sylvia Lippard Doris Yeattes
23 James Leszinski	24 Marcy Neal	25	26	27	28	29
30 Alexandra Dodd						